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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 10251

1. REFTEL ARRIVED 0545. I TELEPHONED FAHMY IMMEDIATELY AT HOME
TO PASS ON VARIOUS POINTS IN THAT MESSAGE.

2. FAHMY WAS RELUCTANT REINSERT "AT LEAST" TO SENTENCE IN SECOND
SENTENCE, SECOND PARAGRAPH IN LETTER ON UNEF RENEWAL. HE FELT IT
WAS UNNECESSARY AND REPRESENTED ANOTHER CONCESSION BEING ASKED OF
EGYPT. I POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE ALLON ATTACHES TO REINSERTION
THESE WORDS
AND THAT THEY MEAN NOTHING IN SUBSTANCE AND DO NOT BIND EGYPT TO
ANYTHING MORE THAN ALREADY AGREED ON. SHOULD LETTER LEAK, HE COULD
SAY AS MUCH. YOU NEEDED AN URGENT REPLY SINCE OTHERWISE ANOTHER 24
HOURS MIGHT BE LOST AND PERHAPS EVEN ENTIRE AGREEMENT MIGHT ABORT
BECAUSE OF MOUNTING PRESSURE IN ISRAEL.

3. FAHMY WAS GRUMPY AND SLEEPY AND SCOFFED AT IDEA THAT ALLON
COULD MAKE THIS SUCH AN ISSUE. HE IMPLIED WE ARE PUSHING FOR THESE
WORDS. HE FINALLY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY MIGHT BE REINSERTED
BUT ONLY IF A NEW PARAGRAPH IS INCLUDED IN THE LETTER STATING:

"THIS LETTER IS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND SHOULD NOT RPT NOT

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BE PASSED TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OR PUBLICIZED." FAHMY ADDED

THAT IF LETTER LEAKS, GOE WILL HOLD US RESPONSIBLE.

4. FAHMY NOTED THAT HE HAS GIVEN THE ABOVE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL WITHOUT FIRST HAVING OBTAINED PRESIDEN GJS AUTHORIZATION. HE DOES NOT WANT TO WAKE PRESIDENT UP AT THIS HOUR.

5. FAHMY MADE FURTHER POINT THAT IN DISCUSSING LAST EVENING THE VARIOUS LETTERS HE HAD REQUESTED, HOU HAD NOT MENTIONED THE REQUESTED LETTER WHICH WOULD SAY THAT PRES FORD WILL WORK TO GET ISRAELIS BACK TO INTERNATIONAL BORDER IN SINAI (PARA 3, USDEL ALEX 179). FAHMY CALLED BACK A FEW MINUTES LATER TO SAY HIS AGREEMENT TO REINSERT WORDS "AT LEAST" IS ALSO CONTIONAL ON GETTING SUCH LETTER FROM US.

6. SECTO 10252 WAS RECEIVED AS I WAS TALKING WITH FAHMY. HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HEARING VARIOUS EDITORIAL CHANGES CITED THEREIN,

BUT ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM AT 1000 THIS MORNING AT HIS CABIN SO THAT ANY CHANGES COULD BE MADE IN THEIR ARABIC TRANSLATIONS. HE REPEATED HIS AGREEMENT, ANNEX, AND US PROPOSAL BY 1000 TODAY,SO THAT

HE CAN BE SURE ARABIC TRANSLATIONS OF THESE DOCUMENTS BEING MADE FOR PRESIDENT ARE FULLY ACCURATE AND DO NOT HAVE TO BE ANNOTATED WITH CORRECTIONS.

7. FAHMY CONFORMED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING IS SAME AS OURS THAT AGREEMENT, ANNEX, AND US PROPOSAL WILL BE PUBLIC.

8. ONE FINAL POINT. WHEN I TOLD FAHMY I WOULD CALL GAMASY TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE CHANGES IN THE ANNEX WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, FAHMY SAID HE PREFERRED DO SO HIMSELF.
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